

Rotary History and Charter Information

The Bellows Falls Rotary Club was sponsored and chartered on November 9, 1923 by the Claremont Rotary Club, as the sixth Rotary club in District 7870 with 23 members. It wasn't until 1950, some 27 years later, that the Brattleboro Rotary club was chartered and sponsored by the Bellows Falls Rotary Club. John Fletcher was the President at the time.

Two Rotarians, from the Bellows Falls Rotary Club, Paul Vogal 1959 -1960 and Hugh Haggerty 2005-2006, were former District Governors of District 7870.

Rotary was "all male" until 1990, when Pat Gould and Mary Grippo became members as Rotary worldwide welcomed women. They quickly became officers, with Pat Gould becoming president in 1993.

It is impossible to live in Rockingham area and not in some way have benefited from activities of the Bellows Falls Rotary Club. In addition, members have gone overseas to participate in medical eyeglass projects and water purification projects, all in the interest of giving service above self.